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Northern Va. Region  
Dept. of Env. Quality

Virginia Air Board  
c/o Terry Darton  
Air Permit Manager  
13901 Crown Court  
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Air Board,

My husband and I moved to Alexandria 38 years ago, from Brooklyn. We enjoy living in Alexandria and are thankful his job with the Veteran's Administration transferred us here many years ago. There is a sharp contrast between life in Brooklyn and life in Alexandria. The environment in Alexandria is much healthier and the views are great. We are now retired and live with our son in Alexandria. I support the stack merge proposal, which will improve Alexandria's air quality.

The stack merge will make improvements to our air quality, while allowing the production of electricity to continue. The proposal to reduce the amount of electricity generated will not improve the quality of air in Alexandria. This proposal will only reduce the amount of electricity contributed to a grid that supplies a large portion of the East Coast with electric. The Potomac River Generating system produces enough electricity to supply 1/2 million homes. If this is reduced, eventually Alexandria will feel the effects of less electricity contributed to the grid. Rolling black outs that are common in the West Coast will ensue in time.

The City Council needs to allow the stack merge plan to be completed. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality approves of this project. The project will not only improve the quality of our air, but will save taxpayers money on this meritless lawsuit. The residents of Alexandria need this stack merge project to move forward as quickly as possible.

Best regards,

Martha Burtoff

